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CHOICE BULBS AND HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS

Grown by **A. R. PONTIUS**

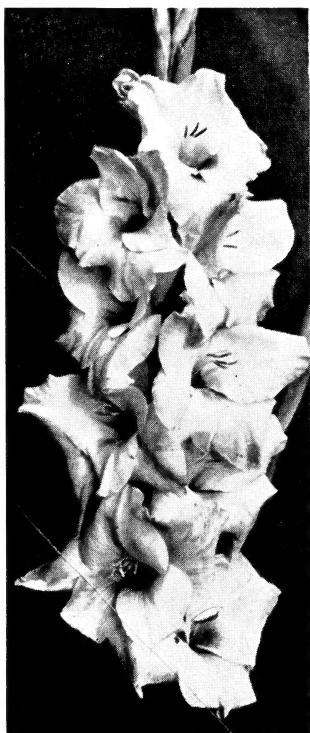
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EL-NATHAN



MRS. CHAS. VAN RYN



THE HOME OF
EXHIBITION FLOWERS



EMMY GLO

FOLLOWING ARE

Mr. Pontius Own Gladiolus Originations

1941 INTRODUCTIONS

Arwine is a beautiful deep wine red. An Emile Aubrun seedling. It is of the decorative type with 8 well placed blooms open on a wiry stem. It is robust and a top notcher in propagation and germination. It makes a good cut-flower and will add much to its color range. No. 1, 2 and 3 sized bulbs, 20c each; per doz. \$2.00

Viola Biggs is a large exhibition salmon pink with darker throat. It is quite early with good placement and never a crook. Opens up 6 large blooms. An open Emile Aubrun seedling. A very heavy propagator and germinator—easy to grow—excellent for the florist. No. 1, 2 and 3 sized bulbs, 20c each; per doz. \$2.00.

EARLIER SEEDLING Introductions

El-Nathan. Beautifully ruffled flowers of a pleasing salmon on a very straight spike. Liked well wherever grown. Granting that the placement is at times poor it is still worth while. See illustration on front page. **Per bulb, 10c; doz., \$1.00; 100 at \$8.00.**

Emmy Glo is a decorative salmon-buff with yellow throat, stippled red. Opens up 6 to 7 nicely ruffled florets on a long slightly bending spike. Undoubtedly one of the top notchers in propagation and germination. Has made some nice wins at the shows. See illustration on front page. **Blooming size bulbs not smaller than No. 3 at 10c each; doz., \$1.00; 100 at \$8.00.**

Mrs. Chas. Van Ryan is another lovely pink Glad of the shade that has become increasingly popular among Gladiolus lovers. Its unique charm is best described by the early acquired appellation of "Pink Minuet." Its mellow salmon shade (similar to that of Picardy) deepens slightly in the throat. In wet weather it is somewhat inclined to flake, but when this occurs it is still a very beautiful Gladiolus, different and distinct. It is on the Selected List of the best pink at the Trial grounds of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. See illustration on front page. **No. 1, 2 and 3 size bulbs, 50c each; \$5.00 per doz.**

Northern Rose. Is a true old rose in color growing to large exhibition size. Opens up 6 to 7 large florets on a slender spike. It is medium-late in blooming. Excellent propagator and germinator. **Per bulb, 10c each; per doz., \$1.00; 100 at \$8.00**

Art's Purple. A decorative seedling of Emile Aubrun with wide open flowers. It is a good performer in every way and makes a good cut flower in that it works in with other colors nicely. **No. 2 bulbs, 10c each; per doz., \$1.00.**

Mr. F. W. Davis, a Com. Koehl X Picardy seedling, is a very fine light red that has great commercial possibilities. It opens up six, five-inch florets on a long willowy spike. It makes huge plants and is a very rapid propagator. You ought to add this to your red list. It is well liked wherever grown. Mr. Davis won the blue ribbon for the best recent introduction at our state show at Jackson and won the blue ribbons in both the amateur and advanced divisions in the three spike class at the Northeastern Gladiolus Show at Bay City last August. **No. 1 and 2 bulbs, 20c each, per doz., \$2.00.**

Smoky 59 can be grown to exhibition size with 8 to 10 florets open at one time. With its smoky, wine and rose colorings it is odd and different. Its most valuable feature is its extreme earliness. **No. 1 and 2 bulbs at 15c each, per doz., \$1.50.**

GENERAL GLADIOLUS LIST

All the following varieties of Gladiolus bulbs, except varieties otherwise priced, are 10c each bulb or 75c per dozen bulbs.

Adirondack. Very large dark rose. Different.
Albatross. A large, tall, lily-like white. One of the best.

Aida. Rich, dark violet-blue. Early.
Ave Maria. Flecked light blue flowers on a good spike.

Bagdad. A beautiful tall smoky or slate. Different.

Beacon. Is a glowing cherry red with yellow throat. Beautiful and a good cut flower.

Berty Snow. Good lavender from Scotland. Very good.

Betty Nuthall. Late orange-salmon on a long spike.

Bit o' Heaven. The best orange to date. Opens up a long string of bloom.

Canberra. The finest large yellow yet produced. A blue ribbon winner.

Cassandra. A huge red blotch on pinkish white ground. A novelty and very striking.

Charles Dickens. Fine tall purple.

Charles Lindburgh. Tall growing rose pink with a little touch of yellow in throat.

All bulbs not priced in above list are:

10c each or 75c per dozen

Mrs. Howard Bow

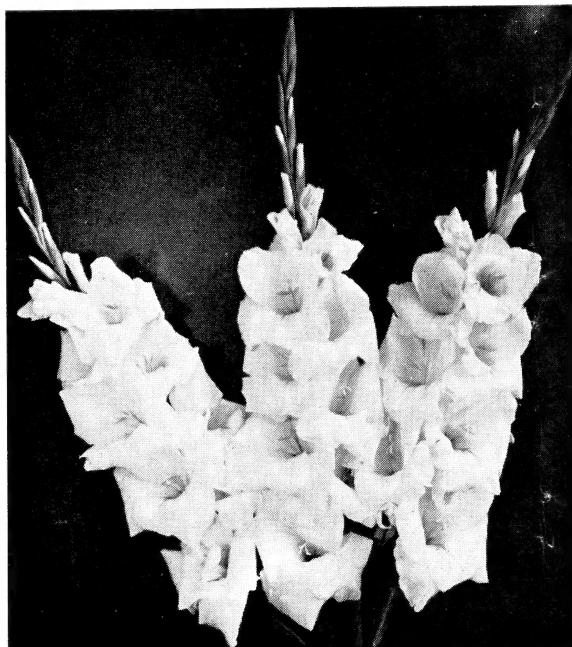
We believe is our best recent introduction. It is a result of a cross from Com. Koehl X Picardy that has given us so many outstanding seedlings. It is a beautiful salmon-pink with scarlet tones and a lighter throat. The center of each petal is ribbed lighter, the lower petals showing a small red line. It is deeper than Picardy and the back of the petals are a most beautiful, even, deep salmon color. Medium early and grows as large as Picardy and is disease free. Mrs. Howard Bow makes a large, tall plant and is a good propagator and germinator. It is in the exhibition class, making a very good cut flower. Following is a trial garden report from Mr. E. A. Lins, Spring Green, Wisconsin: "Mrs. Howard Bow, planted 5/21; bloomed 8/14. 52" tall; 21" head; 16 buds; 5 open; 4 in color; 5½" size. Excellent facing and spacing. Excellent texture. Plain, wide open florets on medium heavy straight spike, with medium broad, upright, healthy foliage. Salmon pink, lightening to lighter throat, with some yellow. Small red line in throat. Entered this in scarlet at our state show as it carried



MRS. HOWARD BOW

general scarlet tones and won 1st Exhibition late introduction. Seems well worthwhile."

Blooming Size Bulbs
Each 75c
Per Doz. \$7.50



MRS. A. R. PONTIUS

Mrs. A. R. Pontius

Introduced in 1938, continues to be a winner in every section of the country it has been grown. It is one of the most dependable white Gladiolus we grow, both in the field and on the show table. Mrs. A. R. Pontius will grow as large as Mammoth White, its seed parent, but will produce far better spikes with placement nearly perfect. Its small rose-lavender blotch only adds to its immaculate beauty. Propagation and germination of this new white is above the average. Mrs. A. R. Pontius won blue ribbons in the commercial class for the best white in its division in both our state show at Jackson, Michigan, and at the Northeastern Gladiolus Show at Bay City, last August.

Blooming Size Bulbs
Each 75c
Per Doz. \$7.50

GENERAL GLADIOLUS LIST ◆ Continued

Commander Koehl. A vivid crimson. Excellent placement and spike.

Coryphee is a pretty clear light pink. It crooks some which to many adds to its beauty.

Debonair is a flecked salmon on a tall spike and is a good grower as it is really a cut-and-come-again variety.

Dorothy McKibbin. One of the best early, ruffled, apple-blossom-pinks.

Dr. F. E. Bennett. Here is bright peach-red that is hard to beat.

Early Rose. A new-comer from Canada. It is a beautiful rich rose—a color that is different and appealing.

Early Dawn. Very early exhibition salmon. Extra large.

Emile Aubrun. Coppery bronze overlaid with slate.

Fahnenjunker. A fine, tall, light yellow.

Fanny Crosby. Beautiful cream-white with many open.

Gertrude Swenson. A beautiful orchid that will open up as many as 14 at once.

Gloriana. Beautiful glowing salmon-apricot.

Golden Dream. Without doubt the best late-flowering deep yellow. Tall.

Gold Eagle. The best early deep yellow.

Irene. A new salmon-rose from Scotland. Is a tall strong grower, well worthwhile.

John S. Bach. Is an exhibition glad of orange-salmon-red, opening up to 12 blooms at one time.

Kriemhilde. A charming lavender-pink. Early. Never crooks.

Kundard's Yellow Wonder. Is a fine tall cut-and-come-again yellow.

La Paloma. True orange. Makes a tall spike.

Longfellow. Beautiful La-France-Pink on wiry spike.

Louvain. Is a pleasing shell-pink and light rose. It's the earliest of the large flowering varieties.

Maid of Orleans. A large milky white. Very good.

Mammoth White. As the name implies—the largest and best of our cut flower white Gladiolus.

Mildred Louise. A wonderfully fine strawberry-pink with a blending of apricot.

Minuet. A clear lavender self. Still the best lavender.

Miss Greeley. A tall-growing salmon-pink, flecked darker.

Miss New Zealand. 7½-inch florets are not uncommon to this giant from New Zealand. A shrimp-pink and rose. Per bulb, 15c; doz., \$1.50.

Morocco. Very dark maroon. Buds almost black.

Moorish King. A very dark red.

Mother Machree. Here is a beautiful combination of wine colored lavender and salmon-pink shadings.

Mr. W. H. Phipps. The wonder Glad. La-France-pink with many open. Old but still very good.

New Era. One of the finest of the new ones. Beautiful pink extremely ruffled and frilled with straight spike. 50c ea.; \$5.00 doz.

Paradise. A beautiful ruffled apricot. An improvement over older varieties.

Peggy Lou. Deep shrimp-pink with a slight rose peppering in the throat. Likely the best introduction for 1938. It has been the winner of many championships and blue ribbons. Per bulb, 50c; doz., \$5.00.

Pelegrina. One of the best dark blues.

Pfitzer's Triumph. One of the largest and finest salmon Gladiolus ever introduced.

Phyllis McQuiston. A fine new variety of cool pink with a white throat.

Picardy. The new sensation peach-pink. Truly a champion of the Gladiolus family.

Prairie Gold. Rich deep yellow with carmine on tips and reverse side of petals. The color is very unusual.

Pride of Wanakah. Very rich dark rose.

Polar Ice. A very good early commercial chalk-white.

Rosemarie Pfizer. Large creamy flowers edged pink. Makes a long exhibition spike with many open. It is good.

Schwaben Girl. Early pure pink.

Sweetheart. A pure waxy snow-white blending to a very dainty pink.

Tangerine. Strong growing orange.

Yvonne. Produces a sparkling white bloom with a rose throat.

All bulbs not priced in above list are:

10c each or 75c per dozen

Flower Garden Collection

10 large Ave Maria. Blue.

10 large Mammoth White.

10 large Mother Machree. Smoky.

10 large Picardy. Peach-pink.

10 large Com. Koehl. Glowing red.

**50 LARGE
BULBS**

\$3.25

Postpaid



MR. PONTIUS WINS AGAIN

A choice collection of sturdy popular varieties for bedding or your cut flower garden.

BABY GLADIOLUS

Small, dainty blooms suitable for table decorations.

Arlington. Light orange-red.

Baby Betty. One of Michigan's introductions. Beautiful shading of pink and cream.

Baby Decorah. Fine ruffled white.

Black Jack. Very dark red, nearly black.

Bluet. Pale blue-violet with some cream in throat. Per bulb, 15c; doz., \$1.50.

Faddist. Light pink with blotch on each petal.

Fluffy Ruffles. Pale yellow. Lacinated.

Kewpie. Red with picotee edge.

Louis Hemon. Three petals are red and three are yellow, producing a very novel

effect in this starlike flower. It is also known as the "Clown Glad." The stock of this is scarce. Per bulb, 15c; doz., \$1.25.

Massassoit. Early bright red. Very good. **Orange Butterfly.** A very pretty orange with many open at one time.

Patricia Carter. Soft shrimp, no markings. Delicate.

Queen of Bremen. A pretty rose-lavender.

Snapdragon. Yellow and red. Very striking and popular. Well named.

White Butterfly. A very beautiful creamy white with long spike.

All of the above named varieties (with the exception of those priced) are:

10c each or 75c per dozen

MILLA BIFLORA

The White Star Lily

Something new and really worth while.

A likeable flower from the Mexican Highlands. The blossom is 2 to 3 inches across, delightfully fragrant, of purest snowy white with six waxy petals that are not quite separated, as if all had been cut from one piece. On the reverse the petals are striped with soft apple-green. From 2 to 7 of the flowers are carried on wiry stems 20 inches high. Makes a splendid garden cut flower, blooming freely from June until frost. Milla Biflora increases by offsets around the mother bulb and can also be propagated by seeds which it sets freely. Handle bulbs like gladiolus.

Large bulbs: 50c each; \$5.00 per doz.



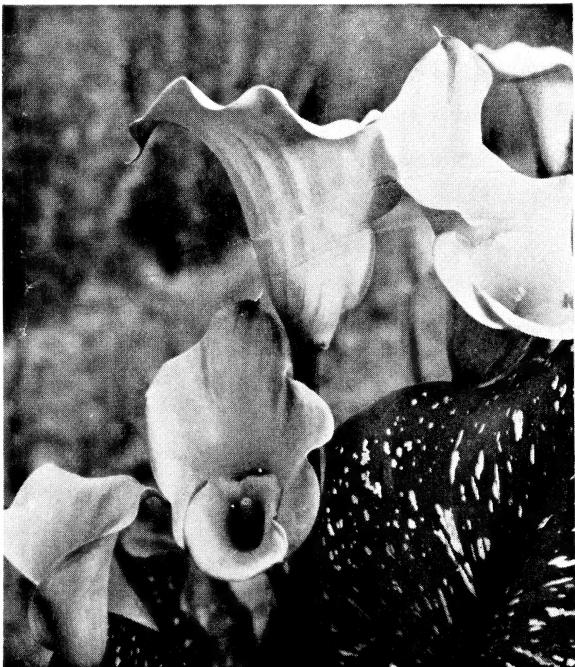
MILLA BIFLORA

YELLOW CALA LILY

Richardia Elliottiana

When we speak of Calla Lilies we think of their growing only in greenhouses and conservatories. However, we have tested this grand golden Calla for outdoor plantings and find it grows superbly in the open, lifting the bulbs in the fall and drying them as we do gladiolus bulbs. As a cut flower with 18 to 24-inch stems it is unequalled—lasting fully two weeks. It is the best yellow Calla, with flowers as large as the white variety, but of a rich golden yellow color. It has dark green foliage with translucent creamy white spots. Planting them along with our glads this Calla comes into bloom the middle to the last of July. It also sets seeds and makes nice sized bulbs the first year. This Calla will bring you winter cheer, too, if given same culture for indoor planting as narcissus and daffodils. We are also listing a new white Calla with spotted foliage like the yellow variety. Very rare.

Mammoth size bulbs over 3 1/2 in. in diam., 60c each; \$6.00 per doz.



YELLOW CALLA LILY

HARDY PERENNIAL LIST

Achillea. Buttony, white flowers on long stems that remind one of Feverfew. **Doz.** \$2.00.

Agrostemma or Mullein Pink. Has showy crimson flowers not unlike single pinks. Has attractive silvery white foliage. Fine for garden display or for cutting. **Doz.** \$2.00.

Anchusa, Italica. 5 ft. One of the finest and showiest of all the Anchusas. Stout, much-branched stems literally covered with large brilliant rich blue flowers. **Doz.** \$2.50.

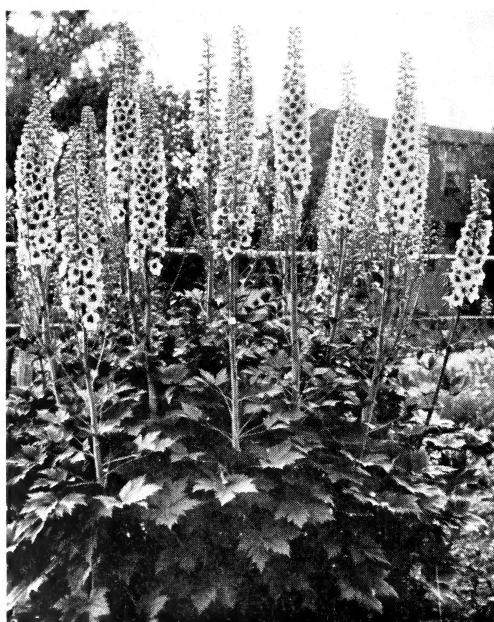
Anthemis tinctoria. A larger new and improved Golden Marguerite. **Doz.** \$2.00.

Armeria, New Hybrids. This new strain gives us the shades of bright pinks coral-red, light red, violet and purple, which have been lacking in the older strains. The numerous flowers are large and ball-shaped with stems 16 inches long. Excellent for cutting. **Doz.** \$2.50.

Artemisia, Silver King. A silvery-leaved contrast plant. Sprays may be cut for winter bouquets. **Doz.** \$2.00.

Aster of Gold or Golden Aster is a very new one recently introduced. Begins blooming the middle of August and continues until frost. The plant is covered with small golden asters. **Each, 75c; \$7.50 per dozen.**

Aster, Star of Wartburg. A showy spring-blooming Aster with large well formed blooms of a lovely rich lilac-blue color that contrasts well with the bright orange center. **Doz.** \$2.50.



ONE OF OUR DELPHINIUM PLANTS

Baptisia. Lupin-like blue flowers in dainty branching spikes. The foliage of this plant is non-wilting and lasts long in bouquets and makeup work for florists. **Doz., \$2.50.**

Campanula persicifolia. Pale china-blue, bell-shaped flowers on 3-foot stems. It comes in pure white also. Wonderful for cutting. **Doz., \$2.50.**

Cantonanche, Cupid's Dart. 2 feet high plants carrying an abundance of showy bright blue flowers. A good cut flower. **Doz. \$2.00.**

Centaurea macraccephala. Large, thistle-like golden yellow flowers, excellent for cutting, growing on 3-foot stems. **Doz., \$2.50.**

Chrysanthemum or Shasta Daisy. Beautiful large white Daisies grown from our own choice seed collection. **Doz., \$2.00.**

Daisy, Admiral Byrd. This plant produces 5 to 6-inch, pure white flowers, bearing two or three rows of deeply lanceolated petals, with a rich golden yellow center. The flowers have a distinct frilled appearance. Stems are 30 to 36 inches long, very straight and stiff. This Shasta Daisy is an excellent cut flower, lasting two or three weeks after cutting. Its hardiness is unquestionable, as it withstood temperatures as low as twenty below zero without any protection. It blooms ten days or two weeks after Shasta Daisy, Alaska. **Doz., \$3.00.**

Delphinium. (Hardy Larkspur). We grow the very best strains of both foreign and home productions. Mixed colors. **Iceberg.** New tall white. **Each, 50c; doz., \$5.00.**

Delphinium, Pacific Giant Hybrids. (New). This new strain is, we believe, the best yet produced. Most every plant will produce double flowers on long spikes. Flowers 3 inches in diameter. It comes in the different shades of **BLUE** and glistening **WHITE**. **Large plants each, \$1.00; \$10.00 per dozen.**

Dicentra (Bleeding Heart). An old-fashioned favorite. Large plants. **Each, \$1.00.**

Digitalis or Foxgloves. White and mixed colors. **Doz. \$3.00.**

Euphorbia corollata (Flowering Spurge). Showy and useful plants growing about 2 feet high, bearing umbels of white flowers much like Baby's Breath, excellent for cutting. **Doz., \$2.50.**

Gaillardia. Yellow and red flowers. **Doz., \$2.00.**

Gypsophila (Baby's Breath). **Bristol Fairy.** The double-flowered form. Strong, grafted plants. **Each, 50c.**

Gypsophila repens Bodgeri. A double, white form that in a few days turns light pink. Very fine for mixing with other flowers. Blooms earlier and later than Bristol Fairy. **Doz., \$2.50.**

HARDY PERENNIAL LIST ◆ Continued

Gypsophila, Rosy Veil. A novelty of European introduction. In character it is in most part like Bodgeri, except that this variety comes out a very pretty pronounced pink. The foliage is a fine blue-green. This variety is also an everbloomer, producing flowers practically all summer. Strong plants, each, 50c; doz., \$5.00.

Heliopsis (Hardy Zinnia). Orange-yellow on 3-foot stems. Doz., \$2.00.

Iris Varieties

Following is a list of some of the better German Iris:

Ambassadeur. Fascinating smoky purple and maroon. Each, 20c.

Ballerine. One of the best light violet-blues. Very fragrant. Each, 20c.

Fairy. Very pretty; nearly white with orange-blossom fragrance. Each, 20c.

Frieda Mohr. A gigantic pink-toned Iris of perfect form and coloring. Fragrant. Each, 25c.

Gold Imperial. One of the greatest golden yellow Iris ever introduced. Each, 20c.

Princess Beatrice. A form of Pallida Dalmatica. Satiny, silvery lavender. Each, 20c.

Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau. This is without a doubt the most beautiful of all the deep purple Iris. Fragrant. Each, 20c.

White Knight. Beautiful snow-white, fragrant flowers of waxy texture. Each, 20c.

Holland or Dutch Iris. Produces a true bulb and is perfectly hardy. The flowers are very pretty arranged in vases. They come in a wide range of colors. 18-inch. Larger than the German Iris. Large bulbs. Each, 15c; doz., \$1.50.

Iris Ochroleuca. (New). This is a very new Iris from India. Perfectly hardy. The foliage remains green all winter. The flowers come out on the stem much like gladiolus—there is always two in good condition. It can be shipped long distances in the bud and open perfectly. The flowers are of very heavy substance and a spike will last a full week. Grows three feet tall. It comes in white, yellow and blue. Per plant, 50c each; per doz., \$5.00.

Siberian. A beautiful Iris on 18-inch stems. Separate colors of white and blue. Doz., \$2.00.

Japanese. This beautiful flat Iris comes in bloom just after the Peonies are through blooming, supplying their large gorgeous flowers just when needed most. Mixed colors only. Doz., \$2.50. White, \$3.00 per doz.

Heuchera (Coralbells). Dainty flowers on wiry stems of all shades of red and coral-pink. Each, 50c.

Lathyrus latifolius (Hardy Pea). Forms a climbing vine with white and pink flowers. Good for screens and to cover old stumps or stones. Strong roots. Each, 50c; doz., \$5.00.

Liatris. (Gayfeather). Tall and short growing varieties of long purple spikes. Doz., \$2.00.

Matricaria, Ball's Double White. This is of the Feverfew family and makes a good cut flower of double white flowers. Doz., \$2.00.

Physalis or Chinese Lantern. We grow the giant variety. Excellent for winter decorations. Doz., \$2.00.

Platycodon. Dark blue and white flowers on long stems the last of August. Order colors separately. Doz., \$2.00.

Pyrethrum (Painted Daisies). Pink to white. A good early cut flower. Doz., \$2.00.

Scabiosa caucasica. Soft lavender-blue. Wiry stems. One of the best cut flowers. Doz., \$2.00.

Stokesia (Cornflower Aster). 2 feet. Plant is covered with lavender, cornflower-like blossoms. Doz., \$2.00.

Tritoma—Red Hot Poker. (Pfitzer). This new variety has rich orange flowers on 2-foot stems which are excellent for cutting. Large plants, 50c each; \$5.00 per dozen.

Veronica spicata. 24-inch spikes of violet-blue flowers all summer. Doz., \$2.00.

Veronica spicata alba. Pretty white form of the above. Doz., \$2.00.

Phlox

B. Comte. Good bright purple.

Beacon. Brilliant cherry-red. Three feet tall. An excellent variety and one of the best of its color.

E. I. Farrington. This is a very pretty salmon-pink variety. Good in every way.

Jules Sandeau. Brilliant watermelon-pink. An outstanding variety because it flowers more freely and longer than most phlox and is to a large extent free from red spider.

Lillian. Here is a pure pink without any trace of magenta or rose. The flower heads are large and borne in remarkable profusion.

Miss Lingard. Early pure white. Foliage resistant to disease.

HARDY PERENNIAL LIST ◆ Continued

PHLOX—CONTINUED

Pink Lingard. (New). A wonderful pink companion to the above.

Mr. R. P. Struthers. Here is that bright glowing red everyone likes.

Mrs. Wm. Jenkins. A very fine late flowering white.

Royal Purple. Decidedly beautiful. A purple that is very rich and deep.

Any of the above:
Doz., \$2.00.

Peonies

Plant your Peonies in the fall if best results are desired. Avoid planting too deeply. 2 to 3 inches of soil over the crown (eyes) is sufficient. Our roots have from 3 to 5 eyes on each division. Rating given by the American Peony Society bases their scale on 10 points for perfection. The figure after each name shows the rating.

Asa Gray. (8.1). Pale lilac with darker dots and a sprinkling of golden stamens.

Claire Dubois. (8.7). Large flowers of clear satiny pink.

Edulis Superba. (7.6). Rose-pink, very early.

Reine Hortense. (8.7). A beautiful soft flesh color. A charming variety.

Festiva Maxima. (9.3). Best white.

Baroness Schroeder. (9.0). Soft baby pink to white, very fine.

LaFrance. (9.0). Enormous and rather flat perfectly formed flowers of clear light pink. Fragrant. Very late.

M. Jules Elie. (9.2). A glossy lilac-like, pink, large and beautiful.

Sarah Bernhardt. (9.0). Apple-blossom-pink. One of the best all around Peonies.

Philippe Rivoire. (9.2). The best red, tall and strong.

Therese. (9.8). Very large flower of beautiful soft shell-pink. Very prolific grower.

Walter Faxon. (9.3). A pure bright rose. Distinct and delicate. Strong and free bloomer and a favorite.

Any of the above varieties:
Each div., 75c; doz., \$7.50.

The Hardy Lilies

Lilies are the most fragrant and beautiful of all bulbous plants and stand first in that class with their graceful habit and rich coloring making them invaluable for decoration, either as cut flowers or border plants. All Lilies demand good drainage. They should be planted in open, porous soil. Surround the bulb with sand and plant them on their sides. All bulbs offered below are large flowering sizes.

Candidum. (Madonna Lily). Waxy pure white. Cover bulb with only 3 inches of soil. Large bulbs, 50c; doz., \$5.00.



REGALE LILY

Henryi. Orange-yellow, reflexing flowers appear in August. 8-10 feet. Plant bulb 10 inches deep. Each, 50; doz., \$5.00.

Regale. This is the hardiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most beautiful. The flowers are very fragrant, funnel-shaped, with rose-purple back; yellow throat and marble-white face. Plant bulbs 10 inches deep. Remember this; all Lily bulbs should be laid on their sides when planted and the Regale is no exception. Mammoth sized bulbs. Each, 30c; doz., \$3.00.

Tenuifolium. This is an extra tall strain we have developed by selection. Brilliant coral reflexing flowers carried on wiry stems 2 to 4 feet tall. It is very satisfactory. Plant 6 inches deep. Each, 25c; dozen, \$2.50.

Golden Gleam. A sport of the above except it is orange rather than coral. Each, 35c; dozen, \$3.50.

Tiger Lily. The most widely grown Lily of all. Dark salmon-orange. Very hardy. Plant 8 inches deep. Each, 25c; doz., \$2.50.

Umbellatum. We believe this deep orange-red is the best of the many varieties. Strong upright grower, very healthy. Each, 25c; doz., \$2.50.



PEONY, THERESE